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The following communication has been received from the Permanent Mission of Mexico in connection with the statistical data circulated in L/5367/Add.6.

REPORT BY MEXICO TO THE COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES ON MEXICAN IMPORTS OF PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN MEXICO'S SCHEDULE OF CONCESSIONS UNDER THE PROTOCOL REGARDING TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

In response to the request by the Committee of Participating Countries for statistical information on the implementation of the Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations among Developing Countries, which will serve as a basis for preparing the ninth annual report to the Committee on Trade and Development and the CONTRACTING PARTIES, annexed hereto is the information requested for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981.

The statistical information shows that imports under the concessions granted by Mexico to participating countries in the Protocol in the years 1979, 1980 and 1981, reached a value of \$6,192,000, \$5,396,000 and \$5,118,000 respectively.

In the three years under reference, Spain was the participating country which accounted for the largest share of Mexico's imports, with a total value of \$5,999,000, \$4,455,000 and \$4,866,000 representing 96.9 per cent, 82.6 per cent and 95.1 per cent respectively. In those same three years, the major item in these imports from Spain was "weaving machines", accounting for a value of \$3,871,000, \$2,106,000 and \$1,967,000 respectively. This product was the principal item imported in each of the three years concerned under concessions granted by Mexico.

Next in order of importance in the three years under reference was Brazil, with a value of \$79,000, \$470,000 and \$168,000 representing 1.3 per cent, 8.7 per cent and 3.3 per cent respectively of total imports by Mexico

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from participating countries in the Protocol. The main items imported from Brazil were in 1979 "other heterocyclic compounds" (29.35.C.999) and in 1980 and 1981 "steam turbines of not more than 4,000 h.p." (84.05.A.001).

Total imports from member and non-member countries of products on which Mexico has granted concessions under the Protocol reached \$162,374,000 in 1979, of which \$6,192,000 corresponding to member countries; for 1980 the figure was \$301,737,000, the share of member countries being \$5,396,000; and for 1981 the figure reached \$820,451,000, of which participating countries accounted for \$5,118,000.

As the foregoing shows, the share of participating countries has been declining, since in relation to total imports recorded in the years 1979 to 1981, those covered by concessions represented 3.8 per cent, 1.8 per cent and 1.4 per cent respectively. In addition, it should be noted that in the three years under reference, there were no imports from participating countries in respect of three headings* covered by concessions (73.16.A.004 Sleepers of iron or steel, 73.16.A.999, 84.05.B.001 Steam turbines, 84.05.A.003* and 84.17.A.017 Pasteurizing apparatus, other than pasteurizing apparatus for the milk industry, 84.17.A.014), the principal suppliers being non-member countries: United States, Japan, France, Italy, Belgium-Luxembourg and the Federal Republic of Germany.

Lastly, it should be underlined that in the period under reference, there were no imports of products on which Mexico has granted concessions under the Protocol from the following participating countries: Bangladesh, Pakistan, Peru, Romania, Tunisia and Turkey.

* Existing heading number and description of product